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A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Thomas Alva Edison Day

WHEREAS the peoples of this Nation are inspired by the lives of the men who helped make this country great; and

WHEREAS Thomas Alva Edison contributed greatly to the social and industrial progress of America through his inventions which gave this country and the world electric light and electric power distribution, the phonograph, the motion picture as well as other new industries which created new jobs and comforts for millions of people; and

WHEREAS his life and work serve as an enduring example of the great good which can be achieved under our American system of individual initiative -- an example not only for Americans but for the peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS his contributions to the American way of life continue to grow with the years and enrich the lives of us all; now

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 11, 1949, the 102nd anniversary of the inventor's birth, as Thomas Alva Edison Day in fitting tribute to the memory of this American. I urge all citizens to review the lasting effect which his accomplishments have had upon their lives, personal and community, as well as upon the life and progress of the Nation.

Given under my hand and seal
this eight day of February
in the year of our Lord,
nineteen hundred and forty-
nine.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor